Losses of State Electricity Boards

2477. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commercial losses of the State Electricity Boards have increased to a large extent during 2004-05 as compared to the previous years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the latest financial status of each SEBs as on April, 2005; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for effective financial management of the SEBs?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The losses of State Electricity Boards/State Power Utilities (without subsidy) increased from Rs. 3000 crore in year 1991- 92 to Rs.27068 crore in year 2001-02. According to the data compiled by the Power Finance Corporation, these losses have reduced to Rs. 21064 crore in year 2002-03 and further to Rs. 20623 crore in year 2003-04.

(c) According to the latest information available as compiled by the Power Finance Corporation, the State-wise details of profit/loss in power sector is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(d) The Central Government has been assisting the States in implementing power sector reforms for which Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) and Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) have been signed with all the States. The Central Government is also implementing Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) which has two components *i.e.* investment and incentive. Under the investment component, assistance is given to the States for improving sub-transmission and distribution infrastructure for reducing technical losses. Under the incentive component of APDRP, the States are given grant equivalent to 50% of the reduction in cash losses of the power utilities achieved for incentivising better performance and efficiency improvement. The Central Government is also undertaking annual rating exercise of power sectors in different States for assessing the status of powers sector reforms.

Under Section 61 of the Electricity Act 2003, the Electricity Regulatory Commissions are required to regulate the tariff, *inter-alia,* to ensure that the generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity are conducted on commercial principles.

Statement

State-wise details of profit and loss for the year 2003-04

(Rs. in crores)

State	Profit/Loss without subsidy
Bihar	(980)
Jharkhand	(522)
Orissa	215
Sikkim	(15)
West Bengal	(296)
Arunachal Pradesh	(82)
Assam	(655)
Manipur	(125)
Meghalaya	64
Mizoram	(49)
Nagaland	(42)
Tripura	(5)
Delhi	(1,774)
Himachal Pradesh	(46)
Haryana	(769)
J&K	(1,229)
Punjab	(663)
Rajasthan	(1,777)
Uttar Pradesh	(2,848)
Uttaranchal	(35)
Andhra Pradesh	(1,400)
Karnataka	(1,235)
Kerala	(915)
Pondicherry	38
Tamil Nadu	(1,416)
Chhattisgarh	587
Goa	153
Gujarat	(3,020)
M.P.	(1,230)
Maharashtra	(549)

(Figures in brackets indicate loss)